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April 13, 2009

William Watson, Administrator
NH Department of Transportation
Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance
7 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302

RE: April 2009 Monthly Minor Revisions

Dear Mr. Watson:

The Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO) staff has received a request to approve the April 2009 Minor Revisions.

Administrative Modifications

1. Districts BET-RES* - Resurface at Various Locations (Annual Advertised Projects)

- Included in STIP Amendment #1.
- For this administrative modification, \$4,000,000 in ARRA funding will move to SSRR* (pavement projects), to funds municipal highway projects.

2. Statewide CBI*7237 - Complex Bridge Inspection (PARENT)

- Included in March Administrative Modifications.
- Preliminary Engineering funds in fiscal year 2009 would increase \$315,000 (from \$1,050,000 to \$1,360,000)

3. Statewide SSRR* - Secondary System Reclamation with Various Pavement Treatments

- Included in February Information Revisions and STIP Amendment #1
- ARRA funds will be moved from BET-RES* to this project for municipal highway projects.
- Increase in normal federal aid program funds for 2009 projects at \$400,000.

The following information is in the **Strafford MPO Prospectus** (pages 47-48) that was recently revised and adopted in 29, 2008 at the Strafford MPO Policy Committee Meeting:

"In the Strafford MPO the Executive Director has the authority to review Administrative Modification changes. The Executive Director may request the advice of members of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee to complete this review. The Executive Director will make recommendations to the Executive Committee for their concurrence or disapproval of Administrative Modification changes, and for a procedural change from Administrative Modification to Amendment. The Executive Committee will issue a letter to the NHDOT indicating their decision. Copies of these letters will be provided to members of the TAC and MPO."

INFORMATIONAL REVISIONS

1. Statewide #14932 – Safe Routes to School Program [SRTS 14932*]
 - Preliminary Engineering funding for fiscal year 2009 has increase \$110,000 for individual infrastructure projects.
2. Statewide CRDR* – Culvert Replacement/Rehabilitation & Drainage Repairs (Annual Project)
 - An additional \$450,000 would be available in fiscal year 2009 for construction.
3. Statewide P8903* – Recreational Trails Funds Act – Projects Selected Annually
 - Additional funds are available for fiscal year 2009.
 - Overall program likely to be revised in future amendments.
4. Statewide PRRCS* – Pavement Resurfacing, Rehabilitation & Crackseal Program & Related Work (Annual Federal Resurfacing Program)
 - An additional \$1,500,000 funds are available for fiscal year 2009, through the STP-State Flexible Program.
5. Statewide USSS* – Update Signing on State System (Annual Project)
 - An additional \$100,000 funds are available for fiscal year 2009, through the STP-State Flexible Program.

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Based on these procedures, the Executive Director **recommended approval of the above Administrative Modifications and Informational Revisions to the 2009-2012 STIP as proposed.** The above project was discussed at the Friday, April 10, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting with the Executive Committee **concurring with the changes as recommended.** Additionally, letters were sent to members of the SMPO Policy and TAC, with no comments received from members of the two committees.

A copy of this letter will be provided to members of the SMPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our actions.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Copeland, AICP
Executive Director

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